

Washington, DC – Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel) today released the following statement after the House Republican Majority refused to allow a vote on the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act, and instead voted to conference the bipartisan Senate bill:

“I am beyond disappointed that once again Congress has been derailed by extreme Tea Party politics at the expense of middles class families. The stakes for our nation are too high to get drawn into these games of political brinksmanship.

When they are done tallying their political points, Tea Party Republicans will realize that middle class families, unemployed workers and our economy cannot afford to take on average a \$1,000 tax increase and a lapse in unemployment benefits. The lack of action will also severely affect doctors who will see Medicare reimbursement rates drop, a result that will ultimately affect patience on the Central Coast and across the nation.

Today House Republicans had an opportunity to prevent this, and support the bipartisan Senate bill that would have given families the piece of mind they need heading into the Holidays.”